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COLLOQUY

Despite a number of conflicts, the Association's annual fall meeting drew approximately 75 persons to Nacogdoches on October 18, 1975. The program, prepared by Robert Glover of Tyler, featured several fine papers on varied aspects of East Texas history. James M. McReynolds of Nacogdoches High School opened the first session with a paper entitled "Survival in East Texas—Food, Clothing, Shelter, 1779-1860." Linda Cross of Tyler Junior College followed with "Portrait of an East Texas Diplomat," a treatment of the career of Hampson Gary, a former Tyler resident who served in the diplomatic corps in Egypt and Switzerland.

Arthur L. Dymond of Marshall presented a timely paper entitled "The Darko Mine." It dealt with coal-mining in East Texas and was partially based on oral interviews with surviving miners. The second session ended with a slide presentation on the "East Texas Architectural Heritage," by Bill O'Neal of Panola Junior College. Immediate past president Maury Darst's luncheon talk was also a slide presentation on East Texas railroad stations and court houses.

In an effort to avoid future conflicts, the officers and directors voted to advance the dates of both the spring and fall meetings. The Association will travel to Henderson on February 28, 1976, for its spring meeting, and will return to Nacogdoches on September 25, 1976. Hopefully this will allow more members to attend.



The Association also has a new slate of officers for 1976. Moving up to president is Capt. Charles K. Phillips of Nacogdoches. He will be assisted by first vice president Claude Hall of Texas A&M and second vice president Fred Tarpley of East Texas State University. Mrs. Tommie Jan Lowery of Stephen F. Austin State University will continue to serve as secretary. Mrs. E. H. Lasseter of Henderson and Dr. Ralph Steen of SFA were re-elected to three-year terms on the board of directors. Traylor Russell of Mt. Pleasant was chosen to fill an unexpired place on the board.



Duncan Muckelroy, historic preservation coordinator with the Texas Historical Commission, has been awarded the first C. K. Chamberlain Award for the best article in the *Journal*. His winning article, entitled "History of El Capote Ranch," appeared in the Fall, 1974 issue of the *Journal*, Vol. XI, No. 2. Muckelroy received an inscribed certificate at the Fall, 1975 meeting in Nacogdoches. This annual award is in honor of the late Dr. C. K. Chamberlain, a founding member of the Association and first editor of the *Journal*.



Members are reminded of the meeting of the Texas State Historical Association in Galveston, March 4-7, 1976. Elsewhere on the state historical scene, the Texas Historical Commission and Texas Historical Foundation held their 1975 annual meeting in Nacogdoches, October 24-25. In attendance were members of the various County Historical Commissions, formerly the County Historical Survey Committees.



The Smith County Historical Society and Survey Committee continues to publish its attractive *Newsletter*, edited by Howard O. Pollan. The August, 1975 issue noted two historical marker dedications. One was for the Smith County rose industry and Tyler Rose Garden. The other was for the Tyler Tap Railroad, which ran its first train into Tyler in 1877. Ceremonies were held last August.

The historic Lee House in Nacogdoches also received an historical marker last summer. One of the oldest houses in East Texas, the home has been restored by Mrs. Albert Thomas at her Millard's Crossing complex in Nacogdoches. Dr. Ralph Steen of Stephen F. Austin State University delivered the address at the ceremony conducted by the Nacogdoches County Historical Commission.

The Jenkins Company of Austin has scored again in the rare book field. According to an announcement last summer, Jenkins acquired the entire stock of Edward Eberstadt & Sons, formerly of New York City. Some 40,000 rare books and documents are included in the collection. Added to Jenkins' existing stock of more than a half million books, this makes the Austin-based firm the largest rare book house in the world today. Included in the Eberstadt collection are sources on the American Revolution, the Confederacy, the American West, and Mexico.

Speaking of books, the Texas A&M University Press has begun to issue its share of new books, some of which are by now on their way to fame. Director Frank Wardlaw has done a fine job in bringing yet another literary outlet to our region.

Barbershop quartet groups from Nacogdoches and Longview will offer special Bicentennial programs in the spring of 1976. In cooperation with similar groups from Shreveport and Monroe, La., the East Texas singers will present "Salute to America," a musical tribute to the Bicentennial prepared by the national headquarters of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. The shows will feature a 100-man chorus and several quartets. The Longview show is slated for May 1, 1976, and the Nacogdoches show will be held on May 22.

The Association extends its warmest appreciation to Melvin E. Kurth, Jr., and the Southland Foundation of Lufkin for its generous grant to help underwrite the publication of the *Journal*. Such assistance is especially helpful in a day of rising costs, and members are urged to notify the editor of any other philanthropic organizations which might be of assistance.

**RESOLUTION HONORING
DR. RALPH W. STEEN**

WHEREAS Dr. Ralph W. Steen, who by his scholarly accomplishments, has earned an eminent place as an author and historian in the state of Texas and the nation, and

WHEREAS Dr. Ralph W. Steen has been an active charter member and director of this Association since its inception, and

WHEREAS he has during this time provided outstanding personal service and guidance in support of its objective, and

WHEREAS as President of Stephen F. Austin State University he has made available to the Association all the resources of that institution both professional and administrative, and

WHEREAS Dr. Steen has announced his intention to retire from active administrative involvement at the conclusion of the next spring semester, and

WHEREAS this is the last meeting of the Association on the home grounds so to speak, the membership deemed it the proper time to make known its esteem by honoring him on this occasion.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the East Texas Historical Association express by this resolution its heartfelt thanks for his outstanding contributions to the organization and to express its wish for a long, enjoyable retirement and its appreciation for his agreeing to continue to serve as director.

Charles K. Phillips
Chairman, Resolution Committee

Archie P. McDonald
Editor

Tommie Jan Lowery
Secretary/Treasurer